## Introduction

The Visual Impairment Service Team (VIST) program is designed to enhance the efficiency of the Visual Impairment Service Team programs within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). With this program Visual Impairment Service Teams are able to easily manage and track activities and services provided to blinded veterans in their service area. This program integrates several fields of patient data to produce a variety of reports. The VIST patient record printout can be used in place of VA Form (10-1371) and is a more versatile document than the card. Semi- annual Automated Management Information System (AMIS) reports can be run and veterans can be added or deleted from the rolls quickly.



During the installation of VIST V. 4.0, all data entered using the class III Blind Rehabilitation software will be moved into the new files created for VIST V. 4.0. This conversion time will vary depending on the amount of patient information that was entered into the class III files.

The VIST Coordinator is the primary user of this program.

#### **Icons**

Icons used to highlight key points in this manual are defined as follows:



Required security keys



Indicates the user should take note of the information.

#### **Related Manuals**

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## **Edit VIST Options Menu**

[ANRV EDIT VIST OPTIONS] [Synonym:1]

This menu allows you to access the options to edit various fields within the VIST database.



If this is the first time your site is using this software, you need to use the *Enter/Edit the VIST Parameters* option to enter site parameters first for the program to work properly.

#### **Enter/Edit VIST Patient Record**

[ANRV ENTER/EDIT VIST PATIENT] [Synonym:1]

With this option you are able to enter/edit the social data for the VIST veterans.

### **Example: Enter/Edit VIST Patient Record**

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Select VIST Menu Option: ?
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         Print Individual Records ...
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Select VIST Menu Option: 1 Edit VIST Options Menu
Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: ?
         Enter/Edit VIST Patient Record
   1
   2
         Enter/Edit VIST Referral Roster
         Enter/Edit Inactive VIST Roster
         Enter/Edit VARO Claims Roster
         Enter/Edit VIST Benefits Checklist
   5
         Enter/Edit VIST Parameters
Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: 1 Enter/Edit VIST Patient Record
Select VIST ROSTER NAME: OAT, WILLIE
                                              09-01-50
                                                           449345555
 Are you adding 'OAT, WILLIE' as a new VIST ROSTER (the 17TH)? No// Y (Yes)
ENROLLMENT DATE: 0327 (MAR 27, 1998)
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REFERRAL SOURCE: ?
     Enter source of referral.
     Choose from:
          VA EYE CLINIC
                NON-VA EYE CLINIC
               STATE AGENCY
        3
                COMMUNITY AGENCY
                VA STAFF
               VETERANS SERVI
        6
                 VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION
        8
                 SELF
        9
                 OTHER
REFERRAL SOURCE: 1 VA EYE CLINIC
LIVING ARRANGEMENT: ?
     Enter the veteran's living arrangements.
     Choose from:
        1
                ALONE
               FAMILY
NURSING HOME
STATE VETERANS CENTER
        2
                UNKNOWN
           BOARD AND CARE
                LIVES WITH FRIEND
        7
LIVING ARRANGEMENT: 2 FAMILY
NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: 2
SPOUSE'S NAME: CATHY
Select NAME OF DEPENDENT & INFO: MARLENE
  Are you adding 'MARLENE' as a new NAME OF DEPENDENT & INFO (the 1ST for
this VIST ROSTER)? No// Y (Yes)
Select NAME OF DEPENDENT & INFO: <ENTER>
VA ELIGIBILITY: SC 30%, A&A, VIETNAM
VA ENTITLEMENT (AMIS): ?
     Enter VA entitlement.
     Choose from:
       022 0% ONLY (022)
023 10% SC THRU SMC (023)
024 SC FOR BLINDNESS (024)
025 NSC PENSION A&A/HB (025)
NSC NSC PENSION ONLY
OTH NSC OTHER ELIGIBILITY
VA ENTITLEMENT (AMIS): 024 SC FOR BLINDNESS (024)
Select EYE DIAGNOSIS: ?
 Answer with EYE DIAGNOSIS
     You may enter a new EYE DIAGNOSIS, if you wish
     Enter Eye Diagnosis.
 Answer with VIST EYE DIAGNOSIS
 Do you want the entire 14-Entry VIST EYE DIAGNOSIS List? Y (Yes)
Choose from:
   APHAKIA
   CATARACT
   CHORIOID/RETINAL
   CORNEAL DISEASE
   DIABETIC RETINOPATHY
   GLAUCOMA
   HISTOPLASMOSIS
   MACULAR DISEASE
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OPTIC ATROPHY
   OPTIC NERVE
  RETINAL DETACHMENT
  RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA
  TRAUMA
     You may enter a new VIST EYE DIAGNOSIS, if you wish
     Answer must be 3-30 characters in length.
Select EYE DIAGNOSIS: TRAUMA
 Are you adding 'TRAUMA' as a new EYE DIAGNOSIS (the 1ST for this VIST
ROSTER)? No// Y (Yes)
Select EYE DIAGNOSIS:
Select EYE EXAM DATE: 0327 MAR 27, 1998
  Are you adding 'MAR \overline{27}, 1998' as a new EYE EXAM DATE (the 1ST for this VIST
ROSTER)? No// Y (Yes)
  EYE DIAGNOSIS NARRATIVE: GLAUCOMA
  VISUAL ACUITY RIGHT EYE: 20/100
 VISUAL ACUITY LEFT EYE: 20/70
 VISUAL FIELD RIGHT EYE: 10-15
 VISUAL FIELD LEFT EYE: 5
VISUAL ACTIVITY (AMIS): ?
    Enter Visual Acuities or fields per AMIS guidelines.
     Choose from:
       004 NO SIGHT (004)
             LP UP TO & INCLUDING 5/200 (005)
LP OF 6/200 TO 20/200 (006)
       007 FIELD RESTRICTION (007)
008 NOT KNOWN (008)
VISUAL ACTIVITY (AMIS): 007 FIELD RESTRICTION (007)
GENERAL HEALTH:
1><ENTER> [This is a free text field.]
Select VIS TEAM REVIEW DATE: 0327
                                   MAR 27, 1998
  Are you adding 'MAR 27, 1998' as
    a new VIS TEAM REVIEW DATE (the 1ST for this VIST ROSTER)? No// Y (Yes)
  AMIS-STATUS OF REVIEW: ?
    Enter the AMIS status at the time of review.
     Choose from:
       035 COMPLETE (035)
       036
              DECLINED (036)
       036 DECLINED (030)
  AMIS-STATUS OF REVIEW: 035 COMPLETE (035)
  TYPE OF REVIEW: ?
    Enter the type of review.
     Choose from:
      1 FORMAL 2 COMPONENT
  TYPE OF REVIEW: 1 FORMAL
Select VIS TEAM REVIEW DATE: 0424 APR 24, 1998
  Are you adding 'APR 24, 1998' as
    a new VIS TEAM REVIEW DATE (the 2ND for this VIST ROSTER)? No// Y (Yes)
Select VIS TEAM REVIEW DATE: <ENTER>
Select VIST FIELD VISIT DATE (AMIS): <ENTER>
VIST ELIGIBLE (AMIS): ?
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Enter veteran's eligibility for VIST services.
     Choose from:
       001
                 YES (001)
                NO - REVIEWED FOR BRC ATTENDANCE (002)
       002
       003
                NO - OTHER (003)
       NO
                NO - NOT LEGALLY BLIND
       I
                INACTIVE
VIST ELIGIBLE (AMIS): Y YES (001)
MAJOR ACTIVITY (AMIS): ?
     Enter the code corresponding to the veteran's major activity.
     Choose from:
       009 EMP FOR PAY (009)
       010 ENG IN TRN/SCHOOL (010)
011 VOL WORK 10HRS/WK (011)
012 RETIRED W/APPROP. ACT. (012)
013 TOO ILL OR TOO DISABLED (013
                TOO ILL OR TOO DISABLED (013)
       014
                 NO WELL DEFINED ACT. (014)
       014 NOT KNOWN (015)
MAJOR ACTIVITY (AMIS): 013 TOO ILL OR TOO DISABLED (013)
FINANCIAL AND BENEFITS INFO:
              [This is a free text field.]
  1><ENTER>
PATIENT HISTORY:
              [This is a free text field.]
  1><ENTER>
ACTIVITIES:
  1><ENTER> [This is a free text field.]
ADJUSTMENT TO BLINDNESS:
 1><ENTER> [This is a free text field.]
IMPRESSIONS:
  1><ENTER> [This is a free text field.]
PLAN:
             [This is a free text field.]
  1><ENTER>
Select VIST ROSTER NAME: <ENTER>
Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: <ENTER>
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### Enter/Edit VIST Referral Roster

[ANRV ENTER/EDIT INACTIVE VIST] [Synonym:2]

This option allows you to keep track of referrals for VA, state, and local blind rehabilitation programs.



The veteran should be listed on the VIST Roster for you to be able to add him/her to the Referral Roster.

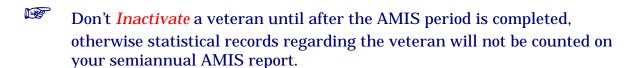
## **Example: Enter/Edit VIST Referral Roster**

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Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: 2 Enter/Edit VIST Referral Roster
Select VIST REFERRAL ROSTER NAME:
                                       OAT, WILLIE
  Are you adding 'OAT, WILLIE' as a new VIST REFERRAL ROSTER (the 4TH)? No// Y
  (Yes)
Select REFERRAL DATE: 010798 (JAN 07, 1998)
Are you adding 'JAN 07, 1998' as a new REFERRAL DATE (the 1ST for this VIST
REFERRAL ROSTER)? No// Y (Yes)
PLACE OF REFERRAL: BIRMINGHAM (CENTER)
  TYPE OF REFERRAL (AMIS): ?
     Enter the type of referral.
     Choose from:
       039 CTR 1ST EXP (039)
       040 CTR ADDL TRN (040)
041 CLINIC 1ST EXP (041)
042 CLINIC ADDL TRN (042)
       043
               NON VA 1ST EXP (043)
       044 NON VA ADDL TRN (044)
  TYPE OF REFERRAL (AMIS): 039 CTR 1ST EXP (039)
  STATUS OF APPLICATION: ?
     Enter the status of the application.
     Choose from:
       051 ACCEPTED
       045
               REJECTED (CENTER)
           REJECTED (CENTER)
REJECTED (CLINIC)
WITHDREW
PENDING
       046
       052
       053
               PENDING
  STATUS OF APPLICATION: 051 ACCEPTED
  DATE OF NOTIFICATION: <ENTER>
  BLIND REHAB ADMISSION DATE: 0330 MAR 30, 1998
  BLIND REHAB DISCHARGE DATE: 0430 (APR 30, 1998)
  TYPE OF DISCHARGE: ?
     Enter the type of discharge.
     Choose from:
       047
                BLIND CENTER (047)
       048 BLIND CLINIC (048)
049 OTHER NON VA (049)
  TYPE OF DISCHARGE: 047 BLIND CENTER (047)
Select REFERRAL DATE: <ENTER>
Select VIST REFERRAL ROSTER NAME: <ENTER>
Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: <ENTER>
```

#### **Enter/Edit Inactive VIST Roster**

[ANRV ENTER/EDIT INACTIVE LIST] [Synonym:3]

You can keep track of veterans removed from the VIST Roster due to death, relocation, or change in legal blindness status with this option. It is recommended that veterans *not* be deleted from the VIST Roster until after they have been considered inactive for a period of time. The period of time is up to the VIST Coordinator's discretion. This will ensure accurate AMIS reporting.



Make sure you change the veteran's VIST Eligible status to INACTIVE in the *Enter/Edit VIST Patient Record* option. Otherwise, the veteran will be counted on the AMIS report.

## **Example: Enter/Edit Inactive VIST Roster**

```
Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: 3 Enter/Edit Inactive VIST Roster

Select VIST ROSTER NAME: OAT, WILLIE
Select INACTIVATION DATE: 0501 MAY 01, 1998

REASON: 2
Enter the reason that this veteran was inactivated.
Choose from:

1 DECEASED
2 RELOCATED
3 NOT LEGALLY BLIND
REASON: 2 RELOCATED

Select VIST ROSTER NAME: <ENTER>

Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: <ENTER>
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### **Enter/Edit VARO Claims Roster**

[ANRV ENTER/EDIT VARO CLAIMS] [Synonym:4]

This option allows you to keep track of Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO) claims filed to the regional office.



The veteran should be listed on the VIST Roster for you to be able to add him to the VARO Claims Roster.

### **Example: Enter/Edit VARO Claims Roster**

```
Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: 4 Enter/Edit VARO Claims Roster
Select VARO CLAIMS NAME:
                            OAT, WILLIE
 Are you adding 'OAT, WILLIE' as a new VARO CLAIMS (the 8TH)? No// Y (Yes)
NAME: OAT, WILLIE// <ENTER>
                           MAR 27, 1998
Select DATE OF CLAIM: 0327
  Are you adding 'MAR \overline{27}, 1998' as a new DATE OF CLAIM (the 1ST for this VARO
CLAIMS)? No// Y (Yes)
  CLAIM: ?
    Enter the type of claim being filed.
    Choose from:
           INCREASE SC RATING
       01
               A&A/HB (IMPROVED PENSION)
       03
       04
              SWITCH TO IMPROVED PENSION
               OTHER
  CLAIM: 01 A&A/HB (IMPROVED PENSION)
  REGIONAL OFFICE: ATLANTA, GA// <ENTER>
  VARO DECISION: ?
    Enter the VARO decision, accepted ,denied, or pending, regarding this
     claim.
    Choose from:
      Α
               ACCEPTED
      D
              DENIED
      Ρ
               PENDING
 VARO DECISION: A ACCEPTED
Select DATE OF CLAIM: <ENTER>
Select VARO CLAIMS NAME: <ENTER>
Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: <ENTER>
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### Enter/Edit VIST Benefits Checklist

[ANRV ENTER/EDIT CHECKLIST] [Synonym:5]

You are able to keep track of each VIST veteran's eligibility for and use of various benefits and services for the blind with this option.



The veteran should be listed on the VIST Roster for you to be able to add him to the VARO Claims Roster.

### **Example: Enter/Edit VIST Benefits Checklist**

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Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: 5 Enter/Edit VIST Benefits Checklist
Select VIST BENEFITS AND SERVICES CHECKLIST NAME:
                                                     OAT, WILLIE
  Are you adding 'OAT, WILLIE' as
   a new VIST BENEFITS AND SERVICES CHECKLIST (the 2ND)? No// Y (Yes)
NAME: OAT, WILLIE// <ENTER>
AUTO GRANT: ?
    Enter whether or not the veteran has used or is eligible for the Auto
Answer with VIST CHECKLIST OPTIONS CHECKLIST NAME
Choose from:
  DECLINED
  NOT AVAILABLE
  NOT ELIGIBLE
  PENDING
AUTO GRANT: YES [Answer the remaining prompts with the VIST CHECKLIST OPTIONS
CHECKLIST NAME as shown in the prompt above.]
BLIND REHAB. TRAINING: YES
CHAMPUS: NOT ELIGIBLE
CHAMPVA: NOT ELIGIBLE
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE: NOT ELIGIBLE
EDUCATION - VA: NOT ELIGIBLE
FEE BASIS: PENDING
HISA: PENDING
INSURANCE - SDVI: NOT AVAILABLE
INSURANCE - WAIVE PREMIUM: NOT ELIGIBLE
PROSTHETICS: PENDING
SAH - 801(a): NOT ELIGIBLE
SAH - 801(b): NOT ELIGIBLE
VA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION: DECLINED
VIST ANNUAL REVIEW: YES
IDENTIFICATION CARD: YES
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION: YES
COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE: YES
NATIONAL CONSUMER GROUPS: YES
FREE POSTAGE: NOT ELIGIBLE
PHONE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE: YES
DOG GUIDE TRAINING: PENDING
HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND: NOT AVAILABLE
HANDICAP PARKING PLACARD: YES
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```
INCOME TAX DEDUCTION: YES
NAT'L PARKS ADMISSION PERMIT: YES
RADIO READING SERVICE: YES
RECORDING FOR THE BLIND: YES
SOCIAL SECURITY: YES
TALKING BOOKS: YES
VOTING RIGHTS: YES
Select LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES: ?
Answer with LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES
    You may enter a new LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES, if you wish
    Indicate veteran's awareness of these programs.
 Answer with VIST LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES NAME
Choose from:
  HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE
  LOCAL AGENCY FOR THE BLIND
  PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
   STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND
  TRANSIT PASS
Select LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES: LOCAL AGENCY FOR THE BLIND
  Are you adding 'LOCAL AGENCY FOR THE BLIND' as
   a new LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES (the 1ST for this VIST BENEFITS AND
SERVICES CHECKLIST)? No// Y (Yes)
STATUS: PENDING
Select LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES: STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND
 Are you adding 'STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND' as
   a new LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES (the 2ND for this VIST BENEFITS AND
SERVICES CHECKLIST)? No// Y (Yes)
  STATUS:
Select LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES: <ENTER>
Select VIST BENEFITS AND SERVICES CHECKLIST NAME: <ENTER>
Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: <ENTER>
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#### **Enter/Edit VIST Parameters**

[ANRV ENTER/EDIT VIST PARAMETER] [Synonym:6]

You can customize the VIST program using this option. The VIST Coordinator's name should be entered as you want it to look on the VIST Patient Record. It should include any title or other information you wish to see as a part of the name. The telephone extension and/or routing symbol, whichever you prefer, will be printed on the VIST Veteran Record directly under the name of the VIST Coordinator. When you enter VARO claims, you will be asked which regional office the claim was submitted to. Enter the name of the regional office you use most often at the "DEFAULT REGIONAL OFFICE" prompt and it will appear as the default whenever you enter VARO claims.

First time users should use the *Enter/Edit VIST Parameters* option before using other options. The fields shown in the example below will be blank and must be answered for the program to work properly. Once set, this option can be ignored until there is a change in VIST Coordinators.

## **Example: Enter/Edit VIST Parameters**

Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: 6 Enter/Edit VIST Parameters The site name, BIRMINGHAM, AL., is already defined in the VIST PARAMETERS file. Do you want to edit the SITE NAME in the VIST PARAMETER file? No// Y YES SITE NAME: BIRMINGHAM, AL.// <ENTER> VIST COORDINATOR: Fred Smith// JOHN GROVENER ROUTING SYMBOL OR PHONE: 111// <ENTER> DEFAULT REGIONAL OFFICE: ATLANTA, GA// <ENTER> Select Edit VIST Options Menu Option: <ENTER>

## **Delete VIST Referral Roster**

[ANRV DELETE REFERRAL] [Synonym:7]

This option allows the VIST Coordinator to delete a veteran from the VIST REFERRAL ROSTER file (#2042.5).

#### **Delete VIST Patient Record**

[ANRV DELETE ROSTER] [Synonym:8]

This option allows the VIST Coordinator to delete a veteran from the VIST ROSTER file (#2040). It also deletes the corresponding entries for the veteran in the VIST BENEFITS AND SERVICES CHECKLIST (#2041.7), VIST REFERRAL ROSTER (#2042.5), and VARO CLAIMS (#2043.5) files.

# **Printing Individual Records**

#### **Print Individual Records**

[ANRV INDIVIDUAL RECORDS] [Synonym:2]

This menu contains options that allow the VIST Coordinator to print information for one VIST veteran.

#### Individual Patient Record

[ANRV PRINT PATIENT RECORD] [Synonym:1]

This is the electronic version of the VIST Record, VA FORM 10-1371. This option provides you with a printout of a combination of information from the VIST patient record file and the main hospital database file.

## **Example: Individual Referral Record**

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Select VIST Menu Option: 2 Print Individual Records
Select Print Individual Records Option: \underline{\mathbf{1}} Individual Patient Record
Select VIST PATIENT: OAT, WILLIE
                                        09-01-50
DEVICE: [Select Print Device]
Do you want your output QUEUED? NO//
                                    <ENTER> (NO)
.....report follows.....
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICE TEAM (VIST)
                               PATIENT RECORD
                            BIRMINGHAM, AL. (521)
                                APR 01, 1998
Name:
                             OAT, WILLIE
Address:
                            GOLDEN TEMPLE AVENUE
City, State, Zip:
                            FYFE, AL 22222
County:
                            JACKSON
Phone:
                            123-456-7890
```

Social Security Number: 449-34-5555

VA Claim Number:

Location of Claim File:

Service Dates:

Branch of Service (Last):

Date of Birth: SEP 1,1950 Place of Birth: AUSTIN, TX

Age: 47

Employment Status: SELF EMPLOYED

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Marital Status: NEVER MARRIED

Living Arrangement: FAMILY Number of Dependents: 1 Name of Spouse: CATHY

Dependent(s) Name(s):

MARLENE

VIST Eligibility: SC 30%, A&A, VIETNAM

Rated Disability:

Eye Diagnosis: TRAUMA

Eye Diagnosis: TRAUMA
Eye Exam Date (Last): MAR 27, 1998
Visual Acuity Right Eye: 20/100
Visual Acuity Left Eye: 20/70
Visual Field Right Eye: 10-15
Visual Field Left Eye: 5

VIST Review Date (Last): APR 24, 1998

Status of Review: Type of Review:

Eligibility on Review Date: SC 30%, A&A, VIETNAM

Field Visit Date (Last):

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PATIENT RECORD BIRMINGHAM, AL. (521) APR 22, 1998

VIS TEAM ASSESSMENT

General Health:

Financial/Benefits:

Patient History:

Activities:

Adjustment to Blindness:

Impressions:

[This report has been abbreviated to save space.]

## **Individual Referral Record**

[ANRV PRINT IND. REFERRAL] [Synonym:2]

This option provides you with a printout of a patient's referral history. The record is sorted by the date of referral and includes the place of referral, AMIS information, and admit/discharge dates.

## **Example: Individual Referral Record**

## **Individual Eye History**

[ANRV INDIVIDUAL EYE DIAG] [Synonym:3]

This option provides you with a printout of a patient's VIST eye history. The record is sorted by the date of the VIST eye examination and includes the diagnosis, visual acuities, and fields.

## **Example: Individual Eye History**

Select Print Individual Records Option: 3 Individual Eye History

Select VIST ROSTER NAME: OAT, WILLIE

DEVICE: [Select Print Device]

Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <ENTER> (NO)

.....report follows.....

INDIVIDUAL VIST EYE HISTORY

Veteran's Name: OAT, WILLIE Social Security: 449-34-5555 Eye Diagnosis: TRAUMA

| EXAM        | ACUITY    | ACUITY   | FIELD     | FIELD    |
|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| DATE        | RIGHT EYE | LEFT EYE | RIGHT EYE | LEFT EYE |
| MAR 27,1998 | 20/100    | 20/70    | 10-15     | 5        |

## **Individual Claims Record**

[ANRV CLAIM REC INQ] [Synonym:4]

With this option you get a printout of VARO claims filed by VIST on behalf of an individual. This record is sorted by the date of the claim and includes the type of claim, regional office, and the VARO decision.

# **Example: Individual Claims Record**

| Select Print Individual Records Option: $\underline{4}$   | Individual Cla | aims Record |    |  |
|---|----------------|-------------|----|--|
| Select VARO CLAIMS NAME: <b>JONES,M</b> ICK   | 12-12-87       | 222334444   | NO |  |
| DEVICE: [Select Print Device] Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <ente< th=""><th>:R&gt; (NO)</th><th></th><th></th><th></th></ente<> | :R> (NO)       |             |    |  |
| report fo   | llows          |             |    |  |

INDIVIDUAL VIST CLAIM RECORD

Veteran's Name: JONES,MICK Soc. Sec. No.: 222-33-4444 Claim No.: c-22233444

| Date of Claim | Type of Claim                                 | Regional Office | VARO Decision |
|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------|
| JAN 31,1998   | INCREASE SC RATING SWITCH TO IMPROVED PENSION | ATLANTA, GA     | DENIED        |
| FEB 10.1998   |   | ATLANTA, GA     | ACCEPTED      |

### **Individual Annual Review Record**

[ANRV ANNUAL REVIEW INQ] [Synonym:5]

Using this option you can obtain a printout of past VIST Reviews for a particular blinded veteran. The printout includes the Review date, veteran's name, social security number, status of review, type of review, and eligibility on review date.

# **Example: Individual Annual Review Record**

| Select Print Ind  | ividual Records          | Option: <u>5</u>  | Individual        | Annual Review            | Record           |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Select VIST ROST<br>DEVICE: [Select F<br>Do you want your | Print Device]            | <u> </u>          | <u>R&gt;</u> (NO) |                          |                  |
| <br>  |                          | report fold       | lows              |                          |                  |
| ANNUAL NAME   | REVIEW INQUIRY           | SSN               |                   | APR 1,1998               | 12:36 PAGE 1     |
| VIS TEAM<br>REVIEW DATE                                   | AMIS-STATUS OF<br>REVIEW | TYPE OF<br>REVIEW |                   | ELIGIBILIT               | Y ON REVIEW DATE |
| OAT, WILLIE   |                          | 449345555         |                   |                          |                  |
| MAR 27,1998<br>APR 24,1998                                | COMPLETE (035)           | FORMAL            |                   | SC 30%, A&<br>SC 30%, A& | •                |

## Individual VIST Benefits Checklist

[ANRV CHECKLIST INQ] [Synonym:6]

This option provides you with a printout of an individual's eligibility of use of various VA and non-VA benefits and services for blinded veterans.

## **Example: Individual VIST Benefits Checklist**

Veteran's Name: OAT,WILLIE
VIST Review Date: APR 24,1998
Soc. Sec. No.: 449-34-5555

#### VA BENEFITS AND SERVICES

| Auto Grant Blind Rehabilitation Training CHAMPUS CHAMPVA Clothing Allowance Education Fee Basis HISA Insurance - Service Disabled Veterans Insurance Insurance - Waive Premium Prosthetics Specially Adapted Housing - 801(a) Special Housing Adaptations - 801(b) | YES YES NOT ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE PENDING PENDING NOT AVAILABLE NOT ELIGIBLE PENDING NOT ELIGIBLE |
|--|---|
| Specially Adapted Housing - 801(a) Special Housing Adaptations - 801(b)  | NOT ELIGIBLE<br>NOT ELIGIBLE  |
| VA Vocational Rehabilitation<br>VIST Annual Review   | DECLINED<br>YES   |
|  |   |

#### NON-VA BENEFITS AND SERVICES

| Identification Card                 | YES           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Blinded Veterans Association        | YES           |
| Commissary and Exchange             | YES           |
| National Consumer Groups            | YES           |
| Free Postage                        | NOT ELIGIBLE  |
| Free Telephone Directory Assistance | YES           |
| Dog Guide Training                  | PENDING       |
| Hadley School for the Blind         | NOT AVAILABLE |

# **Printing Individual Records**

| Handicap Parking Placard                 | YES |
|--|-----|
| Income Tax Deduction                     | YES |
| National Parks Lifetime Admission Permit | YES |
| Radio Reading Service                    | YES |
| Recording for the Blind                  | YES |
| Social Security                          | YES |
| Talking Books                            | YES |
| Voting Rights                            | YES |

### LOCAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES

Local Agency For The Blind State Services For The Blind PENDING

# **Printing the VIST Roster**

### **Print VIST Roster Menu**

[ANRV PRINT VIST OPTIONS] [Synonym:3]

This menu contains options that enable the VIST Coordinator to print the records of veterans referred for VA, state, and local blind rehabilitation services.

#### VIST Roster List

[ANRV VIST ROSTER PRINT] [Synonym:1]

This printout is an alphabetic printout of every veteran being served by your VIST program. It includes each veteran's name, social security number. VIST eligibility, period of service, and VA eligibility.



If you choose to print this list by All patients, patients with a date of death entry in Medical Administration Service (MAS) will not appear on the VIST Roster List. If you choose to print this list by individual patient and that patient has a date of death entry in MAS, a message will be displayed with the date of death.

## **Example: VIST Roster List**

Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option: 1 VIST Roster List VIST ROSTER PRINTOUT Do you want the report to list: (A)ll patients, or (S)elect patients Choose A or S: ALL The right margin for this report is 132. DEVICE: [Select Print Device] Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <ENTER> .....report follows.....

# Printing the VIST Roster

| VIST ROSTER PRINTOUT  |   |  | Printed APR 1,1998                                      | @12:41 Page 1   |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| NAME  | SSN   | VIST ELIGIBLE  | PERIOD OF<br>SERVICE                                    | VIST ELIGIBILITY  |
| ALLEN, PATRICK BASS, EARNEST T. CASH, JOHNNY CLAMPETT, ELLIE MAE CLEAVER, THEODORE DAVIS, PAULETTE DAWSON, EB DIDDLEY, BO JADESTONE, MICK | 737-37-3737<br>123-45-5119<br>159-23-6547<br>231-21-2234<br>448-17-0555<br>223-33-4445<br>123-45-4344<br>123-45-2968<br>232-32-3444 | NO - OTHER (003)<br>NO - OTHER (003)<br>YES (001)<br>NO - OTHER (003)<br>NO - REVIEWED FOR BRC<br>YES (001)<br>YES (001) | VIETNAM ERA POST-VIETNAM OTHER POST-KOREAN POST-VIETNAM | SC LESS THAN 50% SC LESS THAN 50% HOUSEBOUND AID & ATTENDANCE               |
| JONES, MICK OAT, WILLIE REYNOLDS, NANCY ZOOM, BILLY   | 334-55-8967<br>449-34-5555<br>488-59-9776<br>231-44-7629  | YES (001)<br>YES (001)<br>YES (001)<br>YES (001)   | WORLD WAR II  | SC LESS THAN 50% SC 30%, A&A, VIETNAM SC LESS THAN 50% OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY |

#### **VIST Referral List**

[ANRV REFERRAL PRINT] [Synonym:2]

This option provides you with a printout of referrals for blind rehabilitation based on the date of referral. You have the choice of how far back in time (i.e., one day, one month, one year, two years, etc.) the roster will be printed out. This printout is helpful for double checking the semi-annual AMIS report.

## **Example: VIST Referral List**

FEB 12,1998 JONES, MICK BIRMINGHAM (CENTER) ACCEPTED FEB 12,1998 FEB 12,1998 FEB 12,1998

### **VIST Roster List with Annual Review Date**

[ANRV ROSTER A/R PRINT] [Synonym:3]

This option is identical to the *VIST Roster List* option, except that it includes information on each veteran's last annual review. The printout includes the veteran's name, social security number, VIST eligibility, last annual review date, and status of review.

## **Example: VIST Roster List with Annual Review Date**

Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option: 3 VIST Roster List With Annual Review Date START WITH NAME: FIRST// <ENTER>

DEVICE: [Select Print Device]

Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <ENTER> (NO)

report follows.

| VIST ROSTER PRINTOUT - ANNUAL REVIEW |             |                  |                      | R 20,1998<br>LAST<br>ANNUAL | 10:48 PAG  | GE 1 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------|
| NAME                                 | SSN         | VIST ELIGIBLE    | VIST ELIGIBILITY     | REVIEW                      | STATUS     |      |
|                                      |             |                  |                      |                             |            |      |
| BASS, EARNEST T.                     | 123-45-5119 | NO - OTHER (003) | SC LESS THAN 50%     | 09/09/97                    | COMPLETE ( | 035) |
| BODEAN, JETHRO                       | 123-45-7212 | INACTIVE         | HOUSEBOUND           | 08/07/97                    | DECLINED ( | 036) |
| CASH, JOHNNY                         | 159-23-6547 | NO - OTHER (003) |                      | 03/18/98                    | COMPLETE ( | 035) |
| CLAMPETT, ELLIE MAE                  | 231-21-2234 | YES (001)        |                      | 01/22/98                    | COMPLETE ( | 035) |
| CLEAVER, THEODORE                    | 448-17-0555 | NO - OTHER (003) | SC LESS THAN 50%     | 01/00/97                    | COMPLETE ( | 035) |
| DIDDLEY, BO                          | 123-45-2968 | YES (001)        |                      |                             |            |      |
| JONES, MICK                          | 334-55-8967 | YES (001)        | SC LESS THAN 50%     | 10/27/97                    | COMPLETE ( | 035) |
| OAT, WILLIE                          | 449-34-5555 | YES (001)        | SC 30%, A&A, VIETNAM | 04/24/98                    | COMPLETE ( | 035) |
| REYNOLDS, NANCY                      | 488-59-9776 | YES (001)        | SC LESS THAN 50%     | 02/04/98                    | NO SHOW (0 | 37)  |
| ZOOM, BILLY                          | 231-44-7629 | YES (001)        | OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY | 03/27/98                    | COMPLETE ( | 035) |

#### **VARO Claims List**

[ANRV PRINT VARO CLAIMS] [Synonym:4]

This option provides you with a printout that is sorted by date of VARO claims filed by VIST on behalf of blinded veterans. The printout includes the date of claim, veteran's name, social security number, VA claim number, type of claim, regional office, and the VARO decision.

## **Example: VARO Claims List**

Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option: 4 VARO Claims List

VIST VARO CLAIMS LIST

Do you want the report to list:

- (A)11 patients or
- (S)elect patients

Choose A or S:  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ LL

DEVICE: [Select Print Device]

Do you want your output QUEUED? NO//  $\stackrel{\scriptstyle < ENTER>}{}$  (NO)

.....report follows.... VIST VARO CLAIMS LIST Printed APR 1,1998@12:54 Page: 1 VA CLAIM # DATE OF CLAIM REGIONAL OFFICE VARO DECISION BASS, EARNEST T. 123-45-5119 123455119 MAR 27,1998 A&A/HB (IMPROVED PENSION) ATLANTA, GA ACCEPTED BELL, MARY 467-87-3456 MAR 2,1987 INCREASE SC RATING ASHEVILLE, NC DENIED DIDDLEY,BO 123-45-2968 SEP 9,1988 OTHER BIG SPRING, TX DENIED OCT 6,1989 SWITCH TO IMPROVED PENSION BIG SPRING, TX ACCEPTED SEP 9,1988 JADESTONE, MICK 232-32-3444 DEC 25,1986 INITIAL SC RATING BAY PINES, FL ACCEPTED JONES,MICK 222-33-4444 22233444 JAN 31,1998 INCREASE SC RATING ATLANTA, GA DENIED FEB 10,1998 SWITCH TO IMPROVED PENSION ATLANTA, GA REYNOLDS, NANCY 488-59-9776 488599776 AUG 9,1997 INITIAL SC RATING ATLANTA, GA ACCEPTED

# **Inpatient List**

[ANRV INPATIENT LIST] [Synonym:5]

You can obtain a printout of VIST patients currently admitted to your VA Medical Center using this option. The printout is sorted by ward and includes the veteran's name, social security number, room number, and date of admission.

# **Example: Inpatient List**

| Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option: 5 Inpatient List  DEVICE: [Select Print Device]  Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <enter> (NO)  report follows.</enter> |                            |                     |                          |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
|   |                            |                     |                          |  |  |  |
| VIST INPATIENT ROSTER LIST NAME   | SSN                        | APR 20,1998<br>WARD | 13:26 PAGE 1<br>ROOM-BED |  |  |  |
|   |                            |                     |                          |  |  |  |
| BODEAN, JETHRO  | 123-45-7212                | 1 SOUTH             |                          |  |  |  |
| DAVIS, PAULETTE<br>ZOOM, BILLY  | 223-33-4445<br>231-44-7629 | •                   |                          |  |  |  |
| ALLEN, PATRICK BELL, MARY   | 737-37-3737<br>467-87-3456 | 1 WEST (            |                          |  |  |  |
| DAWSON, EB  | 123-45-4344                |                     | 102 2                    |  |  |  |
| CLAMPETT, ELLIE MAE   | 231-21-2234                | 2 EAST              | 250-A                    |  |  |  |
| DIDDLEY, BO   | 123-45-2968<br>232-32-3444 | ·-                  | 250-B<br>250-D           |  |  |  |
| JADESTONE, MICK   | 232-32-3444                | Z EASI              | 250-0                    |  |  |  |
| CASH, JOHNNY  | 159-23-6547                | 2 SOUTH             | 230-A                    |  |  |  |
| DASTARDLY, DICK   | 111-22-3333                | 2 SOUTH             | 230-D                    |  |  |  |

## **Outpatient Appointment List**

[ANRV OUTPATIENT APPT. LIST] [Synonym:6]

This option provides you with a printout of past or future outpatient appointments for VIST patients. You enter a date range and the printout lists all appointments by date and time. The printout includes the date of appointment, veteran's name, social security number, time of appointment, and clinic.

## **Example: Outpatient Appointment List**

```
Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option: 6 Outpatient Appointment List
OUTPATIENT APPOINTMENT LIST
The right margin for this report is 132.
Do you want to sort by (P) atient or (D) ate/time of appointment?
Choose P or D: PATIENT
BEGINNING date for report: \underline{\textbf{T-45}} (MAR 06, 1998) ENDING date for report: \underline{\textbf{T}} (APR 20, 1998)
Do you want to list outpatient appointments for:
       (A)ll patients, or
       (S)elect patients.
Choose A or S: A ALL
DEVICE: [Select Print Device]
Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <ENTER> (NO)
.....report follows.....
VIST ROSTER OUTPATIENT APPOINTMENTS FROM MAR 6,1998 TO APR 20,1998
                                                                                   Page 1
                SSN LAST ANNUAL REVIEW STATUS APPT. DATE/TIME CLINIC
BASS, EARNEST T. 123-45-5119 SEP 9,1997 COMPLETE (035) MAR 26,1998@11:00 CARDIOLOGY
DIDDLEY, BO 123-45-2968
                                                                MAR 25,1998@10:30 PULMONARY
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### **Deceased Patients List**

[ANRV DECEASED PATIENTS] [Synonym:7]

Using a date range you can print out a list of VIST eligible veterans that have been listed as deceased in the main Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (**V**IST**A**) files with this option.

## **Example: Deceased Patients List**

#### **Inactive VIST Roster List**

[ANRV PRINT INACTIVE VIST] [Synonym:8]

This option provides you with a printout of VIST eligible veterans listed on the Inactive VIST Roster.

## **Example: Inactive VIST Roster List**

```
Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option: 8 Inactive VIST Roster List
* Previous selection: INACTIVATION DATE not null
START WITH INACTIVATION DATE: FIRST// <ENTER>
DEVICE: [Select Print Device]
Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <ENTER> (NO)
.....report follows....
VIST ROSTER INACTIVATION LIST **BE SURE VIST ELIGIBLE READS INACTIVE**
                                         APR 20,1998 13:31 PAGE 1
INACTIVATION
DATE NAME
                             SSN REASON
                                                       VIST ELILGIBLE
JAN 26,1998 JONES, MICK
                            222-33-4444 RELOCATED
                                                        YES (001)
FEB 27,1998 REYNOLDS,NANCY 488-59-9776 NOT LEGALLY BLIND
                             449-34-5555 RELOCATED
MAY 1,1998 OAT, WILLIE
                                                       YES (001)
          ______
COUNT 3
```

## Additions to VIST Roster

[ANRV ADD TO VIST ROSTER] [Synonym:9]

Using a date range you can print a list of veterans added to the VIST Roster with this option.

## **Example: Additions to VIST Roster**

Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option:  $\underline{9}$  Additions to VIST Roster \* Previous selection: ENROLLMENT DATE not null START WITH ENROLLMENT DATE: FIRST//  $\underline{< ENTER>}$  DEVICE: [Select Print Device]

Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <ENTER> (NO)

| report follows |                     |             |                  |                 |  |  |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|
|                |                     |             |                  |                 |  |  |
|                | O VIST ROSTER       |             | APR 20,19        | 98 13:32 PAGE 1 |  |  |
| ENROLLMENT     | 272 2477            | CONT        | TITOM DI TOTDI D |                 |  |  |
| DATE           | NAME                |             |                  | REFERRAL SOURCE |  |  |
|                |                     |             |                  |                 |  |  |
| MAY 5,1994     | DASTARDLY, DICK     | 111-22-3333 | YES (001)        | FAMILY/FRIEND   |  |  |
| JUN 6,1996     | BODEAN, JETHRO      | 123-45-7212 | INACTIVE         | OTHER           |  |  |
| MAR 26,1997    | JONES, MICK         | 334-55-8967 | YES (001)        | FAMILY/FRIEND   |  |  |
| JUN 7,1997     | BASS, EARNEST T.    | 123-45-5119 | NO - OTHER (0    | SELF            |  |  |
| JAN 22,1998    | CLAMPETT, ELLIE MAE | 231-21-2234 | YES (001)        | VA EYE CLINIC   |  |  |
| JAN 30,1998    | REYNOLDS, NANCY     | 488-59-9776 | YES (001)        | SELF            |  |  |
| FEB 3,1998     | DAWSON, EB          | 123-45-4344 | NO - REVIEWED    | VA STAFF        |  |  |
| FEB 3,1998     | DIDDLEY,BO          | 123-45-2968 | YES (001)        | SELF            |  |  |
| FEB 18,1998    | JONES, MICK         | 222-33-4444 | YES (001)        | VA EYE CLINIC   |  |  |
| MAR 18,1998    | CASH, JOHNNY        | 159-23-6547 | NO - OTHER (0    | VA EYE CLINIC   |  |  |
| MAR 27,1998    | BELL, MARY          | 467-87-3456 | NO - REVIEWED    | VA EYE CLINIC   |  |  |
| MAR 27,1998    | CLEAVER, THEODORE   | 448-17-0555 | NO - OTHER (0    | VA EYE CLINIC   |  |  |
| MAR 27,1998    | OAT, WILLIE         | 449-34-5555 | YES (001)        | VA EYE CLINIC   |  |  |
|                |                     |             |                  |                 |  |  |

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COUNT 13

## Field Visit Date(s) List

[ANRV FIELD VISIT DATES] [Synonym:10]

With this option you can obtain a printout of field visit date(s) counted by the AMIS report. This option allows you to enter a date range for this printout.

## **Example: Field Visit Date(s) List**

Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option:  $\underline{10}$  Field Visit Dates List \* Previous selection: VIST FIELD VISIT DATE (AMIS) not null START WITH VIST FIELD VISIT DATE (AMIS): FIRST// <ENTER>

DEVICE: [Select Print Device]

| Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <enter> (NO)</enter> |                     |             |                          |
|---|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| report follows  |                     |             |                          |
|   |                     | •           |                          |
| FIELD VISIT(  | S) DATE LIST        |             | APR 20,1998 13:34 PAGE 1 |
| FIELD VIST  |                     |             |                          |
| DATE  | NAME                | SSN         | VIST ELIGIBLE            |
|   |                     |             |                          |
| AUG 9,1995  | DASTARDLY, DICK     | 111-22-3333 | YES (001)                |
| JAN 1997  | CLEAVER, THEODORE   | 448-17-0555 | NO - OTHER (003)         |
| SEP 8,1997  | BODEAN, JETHRO      | 123-45-7212 | INACTIVE                 |
| SEP 9,1997  | BASS, EARNEST T.    | 123-45-5119 | NO - OTHER (003)         |
| JAN 30,1998   | CLAMPETT, ELLIE MAE | 231-21-2234 | YES (001)                |
| MAR 19,1998   | JONES, MICK         | 222-33-4444 | YES (001)                |
| APR 18,1998   | ZOOM, BILLY         | 231-44-7629 | YES (001)                |

#### VIST Roster Sorts...

[ANRV ROSTER SORTS] [Synonym:11]

This menu includes various options for sorting the VIST Roster.

#### State

[ANRV STATE LIST] [Synonym:1]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by state of residence. You can sort by a particular state, or the report will print alphabetically by state.

### City

[ANRV CITY LIST] [Synonym:2]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by city of residence. You can sort by a particular city, or the report will print alphabetically by city.

### ZIP

[ANRV ZIP CODE LIST] [Synonym:3]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by ZIP code of residence. You can sort by a ZIP code, or the report will print numerically by ZIP code (smallest number listed first, i.e., 94304 would be listed before 94305).

### **County**

[ANRV COUNTY LIST] [Synonym:4]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by county of residence. You can sort by a particular county, or the report will print alphabetically by county.

#### **Address/Phone List**

[ANRV ADDRESS LIST] [Synonym:5]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster listing each veteran's name, address, and phone number.

#### **Birthdate**

[ANRV BIRTH LIST] [Synonym:6]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by birthdate. You can sort by a particular month, or the report will print alphabetically by month (i.e., August would be listed before February).

## **Age**

[ANRV AGE LIST] [Synonym:7]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by age. You can sort by a particular age, or the report will print numerically by age (i.e., youngest would be listed first).

## Eye Diagnosis

[ANRV EYE DIAG PRINT] [Synonym:8]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by eye diagnosis. You can sort by a particular eye diagnosis, or the report will print alphabetically by diagnosis (i.e., Cataract would be listed before Retinitis Pigmentosa).

## Eye Diagnosis Narrative

[ANRV EYE DIAG NARRATIVE] [Synonym:9]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by eye diagnosis narrative. This option uses the old eye diagnosis field (which was an open narrative) to help users complete an updated listing of the new eye diagnosis field. You can sort by a particular eye diagnosis, or the report will print alphabetically by diagnosis (i.e., Cataract would be listed before Retinitis Pigmentosa).

#### Fee Basis List

[ANRV FEE PT] [Synonym:10]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of VIST eligible veterans with Fee Bases eligibility.

#### **Period of Service**

[ANRV POS LIST] [Synonym:11]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by period of service. You can sort by a particular period of service, or the report will print alphabetically by period of service (i.e., Korean Era would be listed before Vietnam War).

#### Referral Source List

[ANRV REFERRAL SOURCE LIST] [Synonym:12]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster by referral source (who referred veteran to VIST). A date range can be entered for this printout. You can sort by a particular referral source, or the report will print alphabetically by referral source.

#### Annual Review Dates List

[ANRV ANNUAL REVIEW LIST] [Synonym:13]

This option provides a printout of past VIST Reviews sorted by date. The printout includes the Review date, veteran's name, last four social security numbers, and the status of the review and the type of review. A date range can be entered for this printout.

#### VIST Eligible (AMIS) List

[ANRV VIST ELIG LIST] [Synonym:14]

This option provides an alphabetic printout of the entire VIST Roster sorted by VIST eligible (AMIS) category (001,002,003, NO-NOT LEGALLY BLIND). The report includes the veteran's name, social security number, and VIST Eligible (AMIS) category.

#### **AMIS Report**

[ANRV AMIS REPORT] [Synonym:12]

This option provides a printout of the calculated totals for every category from 001 through 049 of the semi-annual AMIS report. If the VIST Roster contains incomplete AMIS (mandatory category) information, this option will print a list of those records by patient name and social security number at the end of the AMIS report.

This option may also be used to transmit the AMIS report to the program office.



Double check all figures to ensure the accuracy of the results.

#### **Example: Transmission of AMIS Report**

```
Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option: 12 AMIS Report

I WILL PRINT THE AMIS REPORT FOR PERIOD SPECIFIED.

BEGINNING AMIS DATE: T-10 (APR 10, 1998)
ENDING AMIS DATE: T (APR 20, 1998)

Do you want to email the AMIS report to the program office?(Y/N)? Y (Yes)

Enter Average Man Hours Expensed by
VIST Coordinator Per Week or ^ to exit: ?

Field 050 - Average Man Hours must be entered

Must be a number between 1 and 9999.99
Up to 2 decimal precision is allowed.

Enter Average Man Hours Expensed by
VIST Coordinator Per Week or ^ to exit: 1
```

#### **Example: AMIS Report Printout**

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Select Print VIST Roster Menu Option: 12 AMIS Report

I WILL PRINT THE AMIS REPORT FOR PERIOD SPECIFIED.

BEGINNING AMIS DATE: T-10 (APR 10, 1998)
ENDING AMIS DATE: T (APR 20, 1998)

Do you want to email the AMIS report to the program office?(Y/N)? N (No)

DEVICE: [Select Print Device]
Do you want your output QUEUED? NO// <ENTER> (NO)
```

.....report follows....

#### VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICE TEAM (VIST)

AMIS CODE SHEET

FACILITY: BIRMINGHAM ISC (#14) Page 1

Period Beginning: APR 10,1998 Period Ending: APR 20,1998

|   | FIELD<br>CODE | TOTAL  |
|---|---------------|--------|
| TOTAL VIST ELIGIBLE VETERANS<br>NON VIST ELIGIBLE VETERANS  | 001           | 9      |
| Reviewed for BRC Attendance                                 | 002           | 2      |
| Other   | 003           | 3      |
|   |               | 1.4    |
|   |               | 14     |
| VISUAL ACTIVITY   |               |        |
| No Sight  | 004           | 1      |
| LP up to and including 5/200                                | 005           | 0      |
| LP of 6/200 to 20/200                                       | 006           | 1      |
| Legally Blind by field restriction                          |               | 2      |
| Not known   | 800           | 5      |
|   |               | 9      |
| MAJOR ACTIVITY  | 0.00          | •      |
| Employed for pay  | 009           | 2      |
| Engaged in training or school<br>Volunteer work (10 hrs/wk) | 010<br>011    | 1<br>0 |
| Retired w/approp. activities                                | 011           | 0      |
| Too ill or too disabled                                     | 012           | 2      |
| No well defined activity                                    | 014           | 1      |
| Not known   | 015           | 3      |
|   |               |        |
|   |               | 9      |
| PERIOD OF SERVICE   |               |        |
| WWI, Spanish American War                                   | 016           | 0      |
| WWII<br>Korean  | 017<br>018    | 1<br>0 |
| Vietnam Era   | 018           | 0      |
| Peacetime   | 020           | 4      |
| Not known   | 021           | 4      |
|   |               |        |
| ENTITLEMENT   |               | 9      |
| Service Connected   |               |        |
| 0% only   | 022           | 1      |
| Comp. SC, 10% - SMC   | 023           | 0      |
| SC for blindness  | 024           | 5      |
| NSC Pension A&A/HB  | 025           | 0      |
| ACE CAMPAGODY   |               | 6      |
| AGE CATEGORY Under 25                                       | 026           | 1      |
| 25-34   | 026           | 1      |
| 35-44   | 028           | 2      |
| 45-54   | 029           | 2      |
| 55-64   | 030           | 1      |
| 65-74   | 031           | 0      |
| 75-84   | 032           | 1      |
| 85 and over   | 033           | 1      |
| Not known   | 034           | 0      |
|   |               | 9      |

## Printing the VIST Roster

| TOTAL NUMBER OF VIST ANNUAL REVIEWS | 035 | 0     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| DECLINED VIST ANNUAL REVIEW         | 036 | 0     |
| 'NO SHOW' FOR VIST ANNUAL REVIEW    | 037 | 0     |
| VIST COORDINATOR AND COORDINATOR    | 038 | 1     |
| INITIATED FIELD VISITS              |     |       |
| VIST REFERRALS                      |     |       |
| Blind Rehabilitation Center         |     |       |
| First Experience                    | 039 | 0     |
| Additional Training                 | 040 | 0     |
| Blind Rehabilitation Clinic         |     |       |
| First Experience                    | 041 | 0     |
| Additional Training                 | 042 | 0     |
| Other Non-VA Agencies               |     |       |
| First Experience                    | 043 | 0     |
| Additional Training                 | 044 | 0     |
| VETERANS NOT ACCEPTED FOR BLIND     |     |       |
| REHABILITATION                      |     |       |
| Blind Rehabilitation Center         | 045 | 0     |
| Blind Rehabilitation Clinic         | 046 | 0     |
| VETERANS DISCHARGED DURING          |     |       |
| REPORT PERIOD                       |     |       |
| Blind Rehabilitation Center         | 047 | 0     |
| Blind Rehabilitation Clinic         | 048 | 0     |
| Other Non-VA                        | 049 | 0     |
| AVERAGE MAN HOURS EXPENSED BY       | 050 | hours |
| VIST COORDINATOR PER WEEK           |     |       |
|                                     |     |       |

#### PATIENTS WITH MISSING AMIS DATA

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DAVIS, PAULETTE 223334445 ALLEN, PATRICK 737373737

## **Incomplete AMIS Roster**

DAVIS, PAULETTE

[ANRV INCOMPLETE AMIS LISTING] [Synonym:13]

This option provides you with a printout of VIST Roster entries that have incomplete AMIS documentation in the ENTER/EDIT VIST Patient Record database. This option should be run prior to printing the AMIS report.

| Select Print VIST Roster Menu O | ption: 13   | Incomplete AMIS | Roster |        |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Do you want your output QUEUED? | NO// <en< th=""><th>TER&gt; (NO)</th><th></th><th></th></en<> | TER> (NO)       |        |        |
| <br>                            | report fo   | llows           |        |        |
| INCOMPLETE AMIS ROSTER          | •   | APR 20,1998     |        | PAGE 1 |
| NAME                            | SSN   |                 |        |        |
| ALLEN, PATRICK                  | 737373737   |                 |        |        |

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Printing the VIST Roster

## **Using the VIST Letter Menu**

#### VIST Letter Menu

[ANRV LETTER MENU] [Synonym:4]

The *VIST Letter Menu* allows you to edit and print letters and mailing labels for various functions related to VIST. This feature has been added as a convenience for VIST Coordinators. There are 5 different letter options:

• BRC Application Letter This is a cover letter for a Blind Rehabilitation

Center (BRC) Application packet. This letter requires editing and is meant to be printed for a

particular veteran.

• BRC Follow-up Letter This is a questionnaire sent to the veteran

following blind rehabilitation training. It is used to assist the center or clinic in following-up on the

veteran.

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Invitation for VIST Review This is an invitation for blinded veterans to notify

VIST that they would like to participate in an

annual review. This letter satisfies the

requirements of M-2, Part XXIII and is meant to be

printed as a mass mailing.

• IRS Exemption Letter This letter is to be used for any other purpose

needed by VIST.

See the Appendix for examples of the different types of letters.

#### **Edit VIST Letter**

[ANRV ENTER/EDIT VIST LETTER] [Synonym:1]

With this option you can edit one or all of the VIST letters. The VIST letter choices include BRC Application Letter, BRC Follow-up Letter, Claim Letter, Invitation for VIST Review, and Miscellaneous.

Edit the letter as you would an e-mail or FORUM message. It is recommended that you switch to a full-screen editor to fully utilize the edit letter option.

#### \*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*

Do **not** edit any of the special header features or fields that appear when editing a VIST letter. These areas of text are bracketed by the vertical line symbol (|). Some of these fields are used to pull out identifying information on each veteran that will receive a letter or are also used to center a header. When data is bracketed with "< >", you must edit this information by entering data that pertains to a particular veteran and your facility. You *must* remove the "< >" symbols while editing so that they do not appear in the letter.

## **Example of Edit VIST Letter**

```
Select VIST Menu Option: 4 VIST Letter Menu
Select VIST Letter Menu Option: 1 Edit VIST Letter
Select VIST LETTER NAME: ?
Answer with VIST LETTER NAME
Choose from:
   BRC APPLICATION LETTER
   BRC FOLLOW-UP LETTER
   CLAIM LETTER
   INVITATION FOR VIST REVIEW
   IRS EXEMPTION
     You may enter a new VIST LETTER, if you wish
     Answer must be 3-30 characters in length.
Select VIST LETTER NAME: \underline{\text{CLAIM}} LETTER
REQUIRES PATIENT NAME: YES// <ENTER> [This field must be answered YES if you want to pull a specific
patient name and related information into a letter (i.e., mass mailings or BRC application letter, etc.). This field
determines whether the software will prompt you in the PRINT VIST LETTER option for a specific patient's
name or a range of names. If you answer NO then you will not be prompted for a patient's name during the
printing of that letter.]
TEXT OF LETTER:. .
 32>3. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request please
 33>don't hesitate to contact me at FTS: <Enter Your Facility's Phone Number>. [When
data is bracketed with "< >", you must edit this information by entering the data that pertains to your facility.
You must remove the "< >" symbols while editing so that they do not appear in the letter.]
 34>Please send me a copy of your rating decision.
 35>
 36>
 37>
 38>
 40><Enter VIST Coordinator's Name>, VIST Coordinator
```

EDIT Option: 33

33>don't hesitate to contact me at FTS: <Enter Your Facility's Phone Number>.

Replace <Enter Your Facility's Phone Number> With (111)222-3333

Replace <ENTER>
don't hesitate to contact me at FTS: (111)222-3333.

Edit line: <ENTER>
EDIT Option: <ENTER>
Select VIST LETTER NAME: <ENTER>

#### **Print VIST Letter**

[ANRV PRINT LETTER] [Synonym:2]

This option allows you to print one or more of the VIST letters.

```
Select VIST Letter Menu Option: 2 Print VIST Letter
Select Form Letter to Print: CLAIM LETTER
If you wish to print a letter for a single patient
Select Patient: OAT, WILLIE 09-01-50 449345555
DEVICE: [Select Print Device]
```

See the Appendix for examples of the different types of letters.

## **Test Label Alignment**

[ANRV TEST LABEL] [Synonym:3]

This option allows the VIST Coordinator to print a test mailing label to check the alignment of the labels in the printer before printing other mailing labels.

## **Print Mailing Labels by Patient**

[ANRV MAIL LABELS] [Synonym:4]

With this option you can generate a set of mailing labels for mass mailings. You can print labels for all patients, or select patients. This option is designed to work with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by 15/16, fanfold strip (1 wide) size labels.

## **Print Mailing Labels by City**

[ANRV LABELS BY CITY] [Synonym:5]

With this option you can generate a set of mailing labels for mass mailing by city. You can print labels for all patients, or select patients. This option is designed to work with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  " by 15/16", fanfold strip (1 wide) size labels.

## Print Mailing Labels by County

[ANRV LABELS BY COUNTY] [Synonym:6]

With this option you can generate a set of mailing labels for mass mailing by county. You can print labels for all patients, or select patients. This option is designed to work with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by 15/16, fanfold strip (1 wide) size labels.

## **Print Mailing Labels by State**

[ANRV LABELS BY STATE] [Synonym:7]

With this option you can generate a set of mailing labels for mass mailing by state. You can print labels for all patients, or select patients. This option is designed to work with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by 15/16, fanfold strip (1 wide) size labels.

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needed by VIST.

Non-VIST Eligible Veterans Veterans that are legally blind, but not VIST

eligible according to regulation. Veterans who meet this criteria should either be designated 002-NO-BRC or 003 NO-Other under the VIST ELIGIBLE (AMIS) field in the *Enter/Edit VIST Patient Record* 

option.

VARO Veterans Affairs Regional Office

VIST Visual Impairment Service Team

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## **Example of a BRC Application Letter**

APR 20,1998

<Enter Name of Chief (Routing Symbol)> Chief Central Blind Rehabilitation Center <Enter Your VA Medical Center> <Enter Street Address> <Enter City, State ZIP>

SUBJ: Application for Admission to a VA Blind Rehabilitation Program

- 1. VETERAN: OAT, WILLIE 449345555
- 2. VIST BRC PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION: CENTER
- 3. PREVIOUS VA BLIND REHABILITATION: <Enter Year and Place>
- 4. Enclosed with this cover letter is the following BRC application information:
  - \* VAF 10-10 (signed)
  - \* VIS Team Assessment
  - \* Eye Examination
  - \* History and Physical Examination
  - \* Relevant Lab, EKG and X-ray Reports
  - \* Audiology Examination
  - \* Required VA Forms
- 5. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this application, please don't hesitate to contact me at FTS: <Enter Your Facility's Phone Number>.

< VIST Coordinator's Name>, VIST Coordinator

## **Example of a BRC Follow-up Letter**

Department of Veterans Affairs <Enter Your VA Medical Center> <Enter Street Address> <Enter City, State ZIP>

APR 20,1998

Willie Oat 2700 Guadalupe St. Austin, TX 76893

Dear Mr. Oat:

We hope you enjoyed your recent blind rehabilitation training and were able to take some new found knowledge home with you that will make living with your visual loss easier. For the benefit of the VIST Coordinator as well as the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic, we would appreciate your assistance with answering the following questions as they relate to your return from Blind Rehabilitation:

| return from Blind Renabilitation:   |
|---|
| l. Has there been a change in your vision or medical condition?                                     |
| 2. Has there been a change in your financial situation?   |
| 3. How are you using the skills learned at the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic?               |
| 4. What did your spouse or family member think of the family program at the Blind Center or Clinic? |
| 5. Are you using the low vision aids issued to you? If so how?                                      |
| 6. Are you continuing to have major problems coping with your vision loss?                          |
| 7. What are your goals and future plans?  |
| Thank you for your assistance. Please return this completed letter in the enclosed envelope.        |
| Sincerely Yours,  |
| <vist coordinator's="" name="">, VIST COORDINATOR</vist>  |

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## **Example of a Claim Letter**

Department of Veterans Affairs <Enter Your VA Medical Center> <Enter Street Address> <Enter City, State ZIP>

APR 20,1998

SUBJ: Re-evaluation of SC Condition

1. Identifying Information: Veteran: OAT, WILLIE

Claim #: c-

SS #: 449345555

- 2. Willie Oat was seen by the VIS Team on <Enter Date Veteran was seen by VIS Team>. He reports having decreased vision in both eyes and is requesting a re-evaluation of his current VA rating for vision loss. The veteran is currently rated <Enter SC Percentage> SC for vision loss. Our eye clinic found the veteran's best corrected central acuity to be <Enter Best Corrected Central Acuity> in both eyes. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the VIST eye exam.
- 3. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request please don't hesitate to contact me at FTS: <Enter Your Facility's Phone Number>. Please send me a copy of your rating decision.

<VIST Coordinator's Name>, VIST Coordinator

## **Example of Invitation for VIST Review**

Department of Veterans Affairs <Enter Your VA Medical Center> <Enter Street Address <Enter City, State ZIP

APR 20,1998

Willie Oat 2700 Guadalupe St. Austin, TX 76893

Dear Mr. Oat:

The Visual Impairment Service Team (VIS Team), <Enter Your VAMC> is pleased to offer your annual appointment to evaluate your overall health status and to make certain you are receiving the specialized benefits available through the Department of Veterans Affairs. This appointment includes the following: (1) A complete physical examination; (2) An eye examination; (3) A hearing evaluation; (4) A review of your prosthetic needs as they relate to your blindness; and (5) An interview with the VIST Coordinator who may be able to assist you with specific problems as they relate to your sight loss.

This annual review is entirely VOLUNTARY ON YOUR PART. IT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY affect your status with the VA if you choose not to participate. However, we sincerely encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it in the enclosed prepaid envelope. Even if you choose not to request an appointment, it would be appreciated if you would complete and return the form.

I personally look forward to an opportunity to meet with you if I have not already done so.

Sincerely,

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## **Example of an IRS Exemption Letter**

Department of Veterans Affairs <Enter Your VA Medical Center> <Enter Street Address> <Enter City, State ZIP>

APR 20,1998

Willie Oat 2700 Guadalupe St. Austin, TX 76893

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise that the veteran mentioned above is legally blind according to records of this Medical Center. If there are any questions with regard to the veteran's visual acuities or visual fields, you may contact (Release of Information) at this Medical Center <Enter Your Facility's Phone Number>. The veteran's legal blindness is permanent and irreversible.

<Enter VIST Coordinator's Name>, VIST Coordinator

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# **User Manual**

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